

MINUTES
Cheshire County Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, September 07, 2022
This meeting was conducted in person and
electronically via Zoom
Conference Call Information
Phone Call-in Number: +1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 409 748 8803
Pin #: 6031233

Present: Commissioners Robert Englund and Terry Clark (Commissioner Wozmak absent with notice)

Staff: County Administrator Coates, Finance Director Trombly, and Assistant County Administrator Bouchard

Guest(s):

At 8:34 AM, the meeting was called to order, and Commissioners Englund and Clark responded as “present.”

I. Public Comments

Upon recognition from the Chair, a Public Comment on topics of interest may be made, not to exceed three (3) minutes in length.

II. Elected Officials & Department Head Updates

To receive, as informational, departmental updates requiring Commissioner review, participation, approval, and impactful departmental and operational issues.

Coates discussed a potential grant to help offset the cost of the new nursing home project. Bansley was then recognized and spoke to the pending grant that may compensate the County for some construction costs incurred for completing the Maplewood Nursing Home project for expenses incurred after March 3, 2021. The program funds are from previously received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State funding.

Commissioner Englund moved to authorize and accept the Clerk on the Certificate of Vote document and was seconded by Commissioner Clark. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. Scheduled Items

Master Agenda Item #1017: Clerk Signature of MS-45 - S. Trombly presented the **State of New Hampshire Annual County Financial Report NH MS-45 Form** for signature. **Commissioner Clark then reviewed and signed the form to be submitted to the state.**

Master Agenda Item #1018: Line of Credit for 2022 - S. Trombly
Trombly provided an overview of the county’s current finances and said a line of credit for approximately \$7M for end-of-the-year payments was required to meet cash flow requirements. She said that two banks declined to participate. She then explained that the Savings Bank of Walpole offered a 3.99% variable rate, and M&T bank offered a 3.37% rate without a legal opinion or 2.99% with a legal opinion. She stated that legal opinions in the past had cost \$2,500 or more, and the added overhead could not be justified for the small savings of the

reduced rate. Trombly said she recommends going with the M&T quote at 3.37% due to these costs.

The Commissioners then authorized Trombly to work with M&T to establish a \$7m line of Credit. Trombly anticipates that the closing of the line will occur at the beginning of October.

Master Agenda Item #1019: Primex Insurance Cap Agreements -S. Trombly
Trombly said that if the agreement is signed, the Primex cap for property and liability insurance would be 5% for the coming year. She said, however, that the overall costs would be increased due to the enlargement of the nursing home and the addition of the EMS facility in Swanzey to the policy. She then said that a cap for workers' compensation would be set at 8%, but she does not anticipate an increase near 8%.

Commissioner Englund then moved to accept the two resolutions from Primex for the Property and Liability and Workers Compensation cap agreements and was seconded by Commissioner Clark. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Englund then signed both documents.

Master Agenda Item #1020: Opiate Settlement Agreement - C. Coates

Coates then said that the State Opiate Settlement for 39M dollars was accepted by the State and will be placed in the trust fund. He said that 15% of the total would be allocated to the individual litigants, and a proportional amount would be sent to the County. Coates explained that the use of some of the funds would be for the delivery of Medication Assisted Treatment programs. He said that further settlements with other retail vendors are anticipated and that the newly retained counsel will seek to finalize the agreements in the coming months.

Coates then requested the Commissioners to authorize him as the County Administrator to sign the Exhibit B Attachment Participation Form on behalf of the County for the State of NH Johnson and Johnson/Janssen Opiate final settlement.

Commissioner Englund moved to accept and approve the request and was seconded by Commissioner Clark. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The Janssen/Johnson Settlement documents are attached to these minutes as an appendix.

IV. County Administrator

Weekly Operations Report - The County Administrator will update the Commissioners on activities that have taken place since the previous meeting. Coates said that he attended the Commission on Voting Integrity at the Keene Public Library yesterday and spoke of the testimony from several attendees. A discussion covering the major splits between the two major parties was had, and a growing number of voting impediments that have been put into place that favored one party over another was reviewed.

Coates then said that Southwest Community Services would be working with the County for a housing grant of up to 1M dollars that will allow work to be completed in seniors' homes to enable them to remain in place instead of being placed into nursing homes. He said it might also be possible to include parts of Sullivan County in the project due to Sullivan being part of the catchment area for Southwest Community Services.

Coates said he attended a Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce meeting concerning the county's disbursement of APRA funds and presented a check for \$20K to the organization.

Coates said the Keene/Peterborough Chamber would present the Regional Branding initiative project status to the Commissioners in the next few weeks.

Lastly, he mentioned that the annual Radically Rural event is almost here, and the Commissioners will be allocated tickets to attend the sessions.

V. **Old Business**

VI. **New Business**

VII. **Consent Agenda Items:**

Vote to accept the Weekly Manifests and Minutes of August 31, 2022.

Commissioner Englund moved to accept the Manifests and Minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Clark. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. **Calendar**

Action Expected: To accept the calendar as informational and to make necessary changes/additions.

IX. **General Discussion for Commissioners**

Master Agenda Item #673: Commissioners - State Cost Shifting Letter and Restorative Justice Program

X. **Nonpublic Sessions** – None

XI. **Adjournment**

At 09:46 AM, there being no other public business, Commissioner Englund moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Clark. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Recorded and edited by:
R. Bouchard
Assistant County Administrator

Reviewed and submitted by:
Terry Clark, Clerk, Board Commissioners

JANSSEN NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE-WIDE OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

I. Overview

In accordance with the Term Sheet executed by Janssen and the State of New Hampshire on August 29, 2022, this settlement agreement (the "*Agreement*") sets forth the terms and conditions of a settlement agreement between and among Janssen, the State of New Hampshire, and Participating Subdivisions (as those terms are defined below). Janssen has agreed to the below terms for the sole purpose of settlement, and nothing herein may be taken as or construed to be an admission or concession of any violation of law, rule, or regulation, or of any other matter of fact or law, or of any liability or wrongdoing, all of which Janssen expressly denies. No part of this Agreement, including its statements and commitments, shall constitute evidence of any liability, fault, or wrongdoing by Janssen. Unless the contrary is expressly stated, this Agreement is not intended for use by any third party for any purpose, including submission to any court for any purpose.

II. Definitions

Unless otherwise specified, the following definitions apply:

1. "*Agreement*" means this agreement as set forth above, inclusive of all exhibits.
2. "*Alleged Harms*" means the alleged past, present, and future financial, societal, and related expenditures arising out of the alleged misuse and abuse of opioid products, that have allegedly been caused by Janssen.
3. "*Attorney*" means any of the following retained through a legal contract: a solo practitioner, multi-attorney law firm, or other legal representative of a Participating Subdivision.
4. "*Claim*" means any past, present or future cause of action, claim for relief, cross-claim or counterclaim, theory of liability, demand, derivative claim, request, assessment, charge, covenant, damage, debt, lien, loss, penalty, judgment, right, obligation, dispute, suit, contract, controversy, agreement, *parens patriae* claim, promise, performance, warranty, omission, or grievance of any nature whatsoever, whether legal, equitable, statutory, regulatory or administrative, whether arising under federal, state or local common law, statute, regulation, guidance, ordinance or principles of equity, whether filed or unfiled, whether asserted or unasserted, whether known or unknown, whether accrued or unaccrued, whether foreseen, unforeseen or unforeseeable, whether discovered or undiscovered, whether suspected or unsuspected, whether fixed or contingent, and whether existing or hereafter arising, in all such cases, including but not limited to any request for declaratory, injunctive, or equitable relief, compensatory, punitive, or statutory damages, absolute liability, strict liability, restitution, subrogation, contribution, indemnity, apportionment, disgorgement, reimbursement, attorney fees, expert fees, consultant fees, fines, penalties, expenses, costs or any other legal, equitable, civil, administrative, or regulatory remedy whatsoever.

5. "*Claim Over*" means a Claim asserted by a Non-Released Entity against a Released Entity on the basis of contribution, indemnity, or other claim-over on any theory relating to a Non-Party Covered Conduct Claim asserted by a Releasor.

6. "*Compensatory Restitution Amount*" means the aggregate amount of payments by Janssen hereunder other than amounts used for attorneys' fees and costs.

7. "*Consent Judgment*" means a consent judgment in the form attached as Exhibit E.

8. "*Court*" means the court to which the Agreement and the Consent Judgment are presented for approval and/or entry.

9. "*Covered Conduct*" means any actual or alleged act, failure to act, negligence, statement, error, omission, breach of any duty, conduct, event, transaction, agreement, misstatement, misleading statement or other activity of any kind whatsoever from the beginning of time through the Effective Date (and any past, present, or future consequence of any such act, failure to act, negligence, statement, error, omission, breach of duty, conduct, event, transaction, agreement,

misstatement, misleading statement or other activity) relating in any way to (a) the discovery, development, manufacture, packaging, repackaging, marketing, promotion, advertising, labeling, recall, withdrawal, distribution, delivery, monitoring, reporting, supply, sale, prescribing, dispensing, physical security, warehousing, use or abuse of, or operating procedures relating to any Product, or any system, plan, policy, or advocacy relating to any Product or class of Products, including but not limited to any unbranded promotion, marketing, programs, or campaigns relating to any Product or class of Products; (b) the characteristics, properties, risks, or benefits of any Product; (c) the reporting, disclosure, non-reporting or non-disclosure to federal, state or other regulators of orders for any Product placed with any Released Entity; (d) the selective breeding, harvesting, extracting, purifying, exporting, importing, applying for quota for, procuring quota for, handling, promoting, manufacturing, processing, packaging, supplying, distributing, converting, or selling of, or otherwise engaging in any activity relating to, precursor or component Products, including but not limited to natural, synthetic, semi-synthetic or chemical raw materials, starting materials, finished active pharmaceutical ingredients, drug substances, or any related intermediate Products; or (e) diversion control programs or suspicious order monitoring related to any Product.

10. "*Effective Date*" means the date on which this Agreement is executed by the State and Janssen.

11. "*Janssen*" means Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc.

12. "*Janssen National Settlement Agreement*" means the J&J Master Settlement Agreement, including exhibits, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit H hereto.

13. *"Litigating Subdivision"* means a Subdivision (or Subdivision official asserting the right of or for the Subdivision or the State to recover for alleged harms to the Subdivision, the State, and/or the people thereof) that brought any Released Claims against any Released Entity on or before the Effective Date that were not separately resolved prior to that date. A list of all Litigating Subdivisions known to the Parties is included in Exhibit F hereto.

14. *"Non-Litigating Subdivision"* means a Subdivision that is not a Litigating Subdivision.

15. *"Non-Party Covered Conduct Claim"* means a Claim against any Non-Released Entity involving, arising out of, or related to Covered Conduct (or conduct that would be Covered Conduct if engaged in by a Released Entity).

16. *"Non-Party Settlement"* means a settlement by any Releasor that settles any Non-Party Covered Conduct Claim and includes a release of any Non-Released Entity.

17. *"Non-Released Entity"* means an entity that is not a Released Entity.

18. *"Participating Subdivision"* means a Subdivision that meets the requirements for becoming a Participating Subdivision under Section VII.

19. *"Parties"* means Janssen and the State of New Hampshire (each, a *"Party"*).

20. *"Product"* means any chemical substance, whether used for medicinal or non-medicinal purposes, and whether natural, synthetic, or semi-synthetic, or any finished pharmaceutical product made from or with such substance, that is an opioid or opiate, as well as any product containing any such substance. It also includes: 1) the following when used in combination with opioids or opiates: benzodiazepine, carisoprodol, zolpidem, or gabapentin; and 2) a combination or "cocktail" of any stimulant or other chemical substance prescribed, sold, bought, or dispensed to be used together that includes opioids or opiates. For the avoidance of doubt, "Product" does not include benzodiazepine, carisoprodol, zolpidem, or gabapentin when not used in combination with opioids or opiates. "Product" includes but is not limited to any substance consisting of or containing buprenorphine, codeine, fentanyl, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, meperidine, methadone, morphine, naloxone, naltrexone, oxycodone, oxymorphone, tapentadol, tramadol, opium, heroin, carfentanil, any variant of these substances, or any similar substance. "Product" also includes any natural, synthetic, semi-synthetic or chemical raw materials, starting materials, finished active pharmaceutical ingredients, drug substances, and any related intermediate products used or created in the manufacturing process for any of the substances described in the preceding sentence.

21. *"Released Claims"* means any and all Claims that directly or indirectly are based on, arise out of, or in any way relate to or concern the Covered Conduct occurring prior to the Effective Date. Without limiting the foregoing, "Released Claims" include any Claims that have been asserted against the Released Entities by the State or any of its

Litigating Subdivisions in any federal, state or local action or proceeding (whether judicial, arbitral, or administrative) based on, arising out of or relating to, in whole or in part, the Covered Conduct, or any such Claims that could be or could have been asserted now or in the future in those actions or in any comparable action or proceeding brought by the State, any of its Subdivisions, or any Releasers (whether or not such State, Subdivision, or Releaser has brought such action or proceeding), provided the Covered Conduct occurs prior to the Effective Date. Released Claims also include all Claims asserted in any proceeding to be dismissed pursuant to the Agreement, whether or not such claims relate to Covered Conduct, provided the Covered Conduct occurs prior to the Effective Date. The Parties intend that "Released Claims" be interpreted broadly. This Agreement does not release Claims by private individuals. It is the intent of the Parties that Claims by private individuals be treated in accordance with applicable law. Released Claims is also used herein to describe Claims brought by a Subdivision or other non-party Subdivision after the Effective Date that would have been Released Claims if they had been brought by a Releaser against a Released Entity.

22. *"Released Entities"* means Janssen and (1) all of Janssen's past and present direct or indirect parents, subsidiaries, divisions, predecessors, successors, assigns, including Noramco, Inc. and Tasmanian Alkaloids PTY. LTD.; (2) the past and present direct or indirect subsidiaries, divisions, and joint ventures, of any of the foregoing; (3) all of Janssen's insurers (solely in their role as insurers with respect to the Released Claims); (4) all of Janssen's, or of any entity described in subsection (1), past and present joint ventures; and (5) the respective past and present officers, directors, members, shareholders (solely in their capacity as shareholders of the foregoing entities), partners, trustees, agents, and employees of any of the foregoing (for actions that occurred during and related to their work for, or employment with, Janssen). Any person or entity described in subsections (3)-(5) shall be a Released Entity solely in the capacity described in such clause and shall not be a Released Entity with respect to its conduct in any other capacity. For the avoidance of doubt, the entities listed in Exhibit D are not Released Entities; and provided further that any joint venture partner of Janssen or Janssen's subsidiary is not a Released Entity unless it falls within subsections (1)-(5) above. A list of Janssen's present subsidiaries and affiliates is attached as Exhibit G. Janssen's predecessor entities include but are not limited to those entities listed on Exhibit A. For the avoidance of doubt, any entity acquired, or joint venture entered into, by Janssen after the Effective Date is not a Released Entity.

23. *"Releasers"* means (1) the State; (2) each Participating Subdivision; and (3) without limitation and to the maximum extent of the power of the State's Attorney General and/or Participating Subdivision to release the Claims, (a) the State's and Participating Subdivision's departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, Subdivisions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, including its Attorney General, and any person in their official capacity whether elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, (b) any public entities, public

instrumentalities, public educational institutions, unincorporated districts, fire districts, irrigation districts, water districts, law enforcement districts, emergency services districts, school districts, hospital districts and other Subdivisions in the State, and (c) any person or entity acting in a *parens patriae*, sovereign, quasi-sovereign, private attorney general, qui tam, taxpayer, or other capacity seeking relief on behalf of or generally applicable to the general public with respect to the State or Subdivision in the State, whether or not any of them participate in the Agreement. The inclusion of a specific reference to a type of entity in this definition shall not be construed as meaning that the entity is not a Subdivision. In addition to being a Releasor as provided herein, a Participating Subdivision shall also provide the Settlement Participation Form referenced in Section VII providing for a release to the fullest extent of the Participating Subdivision's authority, which shall be attached as an exhibit to the Agreement. The State's Attorney General represents that he or she has or has obtained the authority set forth in the Representation and Warranty subsection of Section IV.

24. "*Special District*" means a formal and legally recognized sub-entity of the State that is authorized by State law to provide one or a limited number of designated functions, including but not limited to school districts, fire districts, healthcare & hospital districts, and emergency services districts.

25. "*State*" means the State of New Hampshire.

26. "*Subdivision*" means a formal and legally recognized sub-entity of the State that provides general governance for a defined area, including a county, city, town, village, or similar entity. Unless otherwise specified, "Subdivision" includes all functional counties and other functional levels of sub-entities of the State that provide general governance for a defined area. Historic, non-functioning sub-entities of the State are not Subdivisions, unless the entity has filed a lawsuit that includes a Released Claim against a Released Entity in a direct, *parens patriae*, or any other capacity. For purposes of this Agreement, the term Subdivision also includes Special Districts.

27. "*Settlement Participation Form*" means the form attached as Exhibit B that Participating Subdivisions must execute and return to Janssen and the State of New Hampshire, and which shall (1) make such Participating Subdivisions signatories to this Agreement, (2) include a full and complete release of any and of such Subdivision's claims, and (3) require the prompt dismissal with prejudice of any Released Claims that have been filed by any such Participating Subdivision.

III. Injunctive Relief

As part of the Consent Judgment, the Parties agree to the injunctive relief terms attached as Exhibit C.

IV. Release

A. *Scope.* As of the Effective Date, the Released Entities will be released and forever discharged from all of the Releasers' Released Claims. The State of New Hampshire (for itself and its Releasers) and each Participating Subdivision (for itself and its Releasers) will, on or before the Effective Date, absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenant not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist in bringing, or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Agreement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the State and its Attorney General to release claims. The Release shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.

B. *Claim Over and Non-Party Settlement.*

1. *Statement of Intent.* It is the intent of the Parties that:

- a. Released Entities should not seek contribution or indemnification (other than pursuant to an insurance contract) from other parties for their payment obligations under this Agreement;
- b. the payments made under this Agreement shall be the sole payments made by the Released Entities to the Releasers involving, arising out of, or related to Covered Conduct (or conduct that would be Covered Conduct if engaged in by a Released Entity);
- c. Claims by Releasers against non-Parties should not result in additional payments by Released Entities, whether through contribution, indemnification or any other means; and
- d. the Agreement meets the requirements of the Uniform Contribution Among Joint Tortfeasors Act and any similar state law or doctrine that reduces or discharges a released party's liability to any other parties.
- e. The provisions of this subsection IV.B are intended to be implemented consistent with these principles. This Agreement and the releases and dismissals provided for herein are made in good faith.

2. *Contribution/Indemnity Prohibited.* No Released Entity shall seek to recover for amounts paid under this Agreement based on indemnification, contribution, or any other theory from a manufacturer, pharmacy, hospital, pharmacy benefit manager, health insurer, third-party vendor, trade association, distributor, or health care

practitioner, provided that a Released Entity shall be relieved of this prohibition with respect to any entity that asserts a Claim-Over against it. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing herein shall prohibit a Released Entity from recovering amounts owed pursuant to insurance contracts.

3. *Non-Party Settlement.* To the extent that, on or after the Effective Date, any Releasor enters into a Non-Party Settlement, including in any bankruptcy case or through any plan of reorganization (whether individually or as a class of creditors), the Releasor will include (or in the case of a Non-Party Settlement made in connection with a bankruptcy case, will cause the debtor to include), unless prohibited from doing so under applicable law, in the Non-Party Settlement a prohibition on contribution or indemnity of any kind substantially equivalent to that required from Janssen in subsection IV.B.2, or a release from such Non-Released Entity in favor of the Released Entities (in a form equivalent to the releases contained in this Agreement) of any Claim-Over. The obligation to obtain the prohibition and/or release required by this subsection is a material term of this Agreement.

4. *Claim-Over.* In the event that any Releasor obtains a judgment with respect to Non-Party Covered Conduct against a Non-Released Entity that does not contain a prohibition like that in subsection IV.B.3, or any Releasor files a Non-Party Covered Conduct Claim against a Non-Released Entity in bankruptcy or a Releasor is prevented for any reason from obtaining a prohibition/release in a Non-Party Settlement as provided in subsection IV.B.3, and such Non-Released Entity asserts a Claim-Over against a Released Entity, that Releasor and Janssen shall take the following actions to ensure that the Released Entities do not pay more with respect to Covered Conduct to Releasors or to Non-Released Entities than the amounts owed under this Agreement by Janssen:

a. Janssen shall notify that Releasor of the Claim-Over within thirty (30) days of the assertion of the Claim-Over or thirty (30) days of the Effective Date of this Agreement, whichever is later;

b. Janssen and that Releasor shall meet and confer concerning the means to hold Released Entities harmless and ensure that it is not required to pay more with respect to Covered Conduct than the amounts owed by Janssen under this Agreement;

c. That Releasor and Janssen shall take steps sufficient and permissible under the law of the State of the Releasor to hold Released Entities harmless from the Claim-Over and ensure Released Entities are not required to pay more with respect to Covered Conduct than the amounts owed by Janssen under this Settlement Agreement. Such steps may include, where permissible:

- (1) Filing of motions to dismiss or such other appropriate motion by Janssen or Released Entities, and supported by Releasors, in response to any claim filed in litigation or arbitration;

- (2) Reduction of that Releasor's Claim and any judgment it has obtained or may obtain against such Non-Released Entity by whatever amount or percentage is necessary to extinguish such Claim-Over under applicable law, up to the amount that Releasor has obtained, may obtain, or has authority to control from such Non-Released Entity;

Placement into escrow of funds paid by the Non-Released Entities such that those funds are available to satisfy the Claim-Over;

Return of monies paid by Janssen to that Releasor under this Settlement Agreement to permit satisfaction of a judgment against or settlement with the Non-Released Entity to satisfy the Claim-Over;

Payment of monies to Janssen by that Releasor to ensure it is held harmless from such Claim-Over, up to the amount that Releasor has obtained, may obtain, or has authority to control from such Non-Released Entity;

Credit to Janssen under this Settlement Agreement to reduce the overall amounts to be paid under the Settlement Agreement such that it is held harmless from the Claim-Over; and

Such other actions as that Releasor and Janssen may devise to hold Janssen harmless from the Claim Over.

d. The actions of that Releasor and Janssen taken pursuant to paragraph (c) must, in combination, ensure Janssen is not required to pay more with respect to Covered Conduct than the amounts owed by Janssen under this Settlement Agreement.

e. In the event of any dispute over the sufficiency of the actions taken pursuant to paragraph (c), that Releasor and Janssen may seek review by the court that enters the Consent Judgment pursuant to Section X.

5. To the extent that the Claim-Over is based on a contractual indemnity, the obligations under subsection IV.B.4 shall extend solely to a Non-Party Covered Conduct Claim against a pharmacy, clinic, hospital or other purchaser or dispenser of Products, a manufacturer that sold Products, a consultant, and/or a pharmacy benefit manager or other third-party payor. Janssen shall notify the State, to the extent permitted by applicable law, in the event that any of these types of Non-Released Entities asserts a Claim-Over arising out of contractual indemnity against it.

C. *General Release.* In connection with the releases provided for in the Agreement, the State (for itself and its Releasors) and each Participating Subdivision (for itself and its Releasors) will expressly waive, release, and forever discharge any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other

jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

General Release; extent. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may thereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but the State (for itself and its Releasors) and each Participating Subdivision (for itself and its Releasors) will expressly waive and fully, finally, and forever settle, release and discharge, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the State's decision to enter into the Agreement or the Participating Subdivisions' decision to participate in the Agreement.

D. Res Judicata. Nothing in the Agreement shall be deemed to reduce the scope of the res judicata or claim preclusive effect that the settlement memorialized in the Agreement, and/or any Consent Judgment or other judgment entered on the Agreement, gives rise to under applicable law.

E. Representation and Warranty. The signatories hereto on behalf of the State expressly represent and warrant that they will obtain on or before the Effective Date (or have obtained) the authority to settle and release, to the maximum extent of the State's power, all Released Claims of (1) the State; (2) all past and present executive departments, state agencies, divisions, boards, commissions and instrumentalities with the regulatory authority to enforce state and federal controlled substances acts; (3) any of the State's past and present executive departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions and instrumentalities that have the authority to bring Claims related to Covered Conduct seeking money (including abatement and/or remediation) or revocation of a pharmaceutical distribution license; and (4) any Participating Subdivisions. For the purposes of clause (3) above, executive departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, and instrumentalities are those that are under the executive authority or direct control of the State's Governor. Also, for the purposes of clause (3), a release from the State's Governor is sufficient to demonstrate that the appropriate releases have been obtained.

F. Effectiveness. The releases set forth in the Agreement shall not be impacted in any way by any dispute that exists, has existed, or may later exist between or among the Releasors. Nor shall such releases be impacted in any way by any current or future law, regulation, ordinance, or court or agency order limiting, seizing, or controlling the distribution or use of the settlement funds or any portion thereof, or by the enactment of future laws, or by any seizure of the settlement funds or any portion thereof.

G. *Cooperation.* Releasors (i) will not encourage any person or entity to bring or maintain any Released Claim against any Released Entity and (ii) will reasonably cooperate with and not oppose any effort by a Released Entity to secure the prompt dismissal of any and all Released Claims.

H. *Non-Released Claims.* Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything in the definition of Released Claims, the Agreement does not waive, release or limit any criminal liability, Claims for any outstanding liability under any tax or securities law, Claims against parties who are not Released Entities, Claims by private individuals and any claims arising under the Agreement for enforcement of the Agreement.

V. Monetary Relief and Payments

A. As consideration for the releases from the State and Participating Subdivisions provided in Section IV above and the Settlement Participation Forms specified in Section VII and Exhibit B below, Janssen shall pay the State a lump sum of \$39,605,617.59 within 15 days after the entry of the Consent Judgment to be filed under Section VIII after delivery to Janssen of Settlement Participation Forms executed by all Subdivisions listed on Exhibit F.

B. Within 15 days after the entry of the Consent Judgment to be filed under Section VIII after delivery to Janssen of Settlement Participation Forms executed by all Subdivisions listed on Exhibit F, Janssen shall pay into an escrow account designated by Joseph Tann, Esq. a lump sum equal to the amount that attorneys for Participating Subdivisions would have received from the Contingency Fee Fund established under the Janssen National Settlement Agreement, had the Participating Subdivisions joined that settlement. That amount is presently estimated to be \$919,617.30, but the final amount due shall be determined by Mr. Tann, applying the methodology specified in Exhibit R to the Janssen National Settlement Agreement. Mr. Tann shall direct the escrow agent to disburse the escrowed funds to attorneys for the Participating Subdivisions in accordance with his determination of the amount that would have been received by each attorney.

VI. Intra-State Allocation

Janssen's payments shall be allocated as determined by the State and its Subdivisions and pursuant to the State's Opioids Abatement Trust Fund legislation.

VII. Participation by Subdivisions

A Subdivision may become a Participating Subdivision by returning an executed Settlement Participation Form to Janssen and the State and upon prompt dismissal of its legal action pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and the Settlement Participation Form.

VIII. Filing of Consent Judgment and Dismissals with Prejudice

No later than 15 days from delivery to Janssen of Settlement Participation Forms for all Subdivisions listed on Exhibit F, the State and Janssen will proceed to file the Consent Judgment. No later than 30 days after receipt of Janssen's payments under Section V, the State and the

Participating Subdivisions shall dismiss all actions asserting Released claims with prejudice.

IX. Attorney Fee and Cost Payments

- A. Janssen shall not be responsible for making payments for State's or any Participating Subdivision's attorneys' fees and costs beyond the amounts paid under Section V.
- B. An Attorney may not receive any payment for attorney fees unless the Attorney represents that s/he has no present intent to represent or participate in the representation of any Subdivision or any Releasor with respect to Released Claims against Released Entities brought after the Effective Date.

X. Enforcement and Dispute Resolution

- A. The terms of the Agreement and Consent Judgment applicable to the State will be enforceable solely by the State and Janssen.
- B. Janssen consents to the jurisdiction of the Court in which the Consent Judgment is filed, limited to resolution of disputes identified in subsection Xi) for resolution in the Court in which the Consent Judgment is filed.
- C. The parties to a dispute shall promptly meet and confer in good faith to resolve any dispute. If the parties cannot resolve the dispute informally, and unless otherwise agreed in writing, they shall follow the remaining provisions of this section to resolve the dispute.
- D. Disputes not resolved informally shall be resolved in the Court that entered the Consent Judgment.

XI. Miscellaneous

- A. *No Admission.* Janssen does not admit liability or wrongdoing. Neither this Agreement nor the Consent Judgment shall be considered, construed, or represented to be (1) an admission, concession, or evidence of liability or wrongdoing or (2) a waiver or any limitation of any defense otherwise available to Janssen.
- B. *Nature of Payment.* Janssen, the State, and the Participating Subdivisions acknowledge and agree that notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the scope of the Released Claims:
 - 1. Janssen has entered into this Agreement to avoid the delay, expense, inconvenience, and uncertainty of further litigation;
 - 2. The State and the Participating Subdivisions sought compensatory restitution (within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. § 162(f)(2)(A)) for the Alleged Harms allegedly suffered by the State and Participating Subdivisions;
 - 3. By executing this Agreement the State and the Participating Subdivisions certify that: (a) the Compensatory Restitution Amount is no greater than the amount, in the

aggregate, of the Alleged Harms allegedly suffered by the State and Participating Subdivisions; and (b) the portion of the Compensatory Restitution Amount received by the State or Participating Subdivision is no greater than the amount of the Alleged Harms allegedly suffered by the State or Participating Subdivision;

4. The payment of the Compensatory Restitution Amount by Janssen constitutes, and is paid for, compensatory restitution (within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. § 162(f)(2)(A)) for Alleged Harms allegedly caused by Janssen;

5. The Compensatory Restitution Amount is being paid as compensatory restitution (within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. § 162(f)(2)(A)) in order to restore, in whole or in part, the State and Participating Subdivisions to the same position or condition that they would be in had the State and Participating Subdivisions not suffered the Alleged Harms;

6. For the avoidance of doubt: (a) no portion of the Compensatory Restitution Amount represents reimbursement to the State, any Participating Subdivision, or other person or entity for the costs of any investigation or litigation, (b) the entire Compensatory Restitution Amount is properly characterized as described in this subsection XI.B, and (c) no portion of the Compensatory Restitution Amount constitutes disgorgement or is properly characterized as the payment of statutory or other fines, penalties, punitive damages, other punitive assessments, or attorneys' fees; and

7. The State, on behalf of all itself and Participating Subdivisions (the "Form 1098-F Filer") shall complete and file Form 1098-F with the Internal Revenue Service on or before February 28 (March 31 if filed electronically) of the year following the calendar year in which the order entering this Agreement becomes binding. On the Form 1098-F, the Form 1098-F Filer shall identify the entire Compensatory Restitution Amount received by the Form 1098-F Filer as remediation/restitution. The Form 1098-F Filer shall also, on or before January 31 of the year following the calendar year in which the order entering this Agreement becomes binding, furnish Copy B of such Form 1098-F (or an acceptable substitute statement) to Janssen.

C. Tax Reporting and Cooperation.

1. Upon request by Janssen, the State and Participating Subdivisions agree to perform such further acts and to execute and deliver such further documents as may be reasonably necessary for Janssen to establish the statements set forth in subsection XI.B to the satisfaction of their tax advisors, their independent financial auditors, the Internal Revenue Service, or any other governmental authority, including as contemplated by Treasury Regulations Section 1.162-21(b)(3)(ii) and any subsequently proposed or finalized relevant regulations or administrative guidance.

2. Without limiting the generality of this subsection XI.C, the State and each Participating Subdivision shall cooperate in good faith with Janssen with respect to any tax claim, dispute, investigation, audit, examination, contest, litigation, or other proceeding relating to this Agreement.

3. The State, on behalf of itself and Participating Subdivisions, shall designate one of its officers or employees to act as the "appropriate official" within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.6050X-1(f)(1)(ii)(B) (the "Appropriate Official").

4. For the avoidance of doubt, neither Janssen nor the State and Participating Subdivisions make any warranty or representation to any Settling jurisdiction or Releasor as to the tax consequences of the payment of the Compensatory Restitution Amount (or any portion thereof).

D. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, no portion of this Agreement shall provide any rights to, or be enforceable by, any person or entity that is not the State or a Released Entity. The State may not assign or otherwise convey any right to enforce any provision of this Agreement.

E. Calculation. Any figure or percentage referred to in this Agreement shall be carried to seven decimal places.

F. Construction. None of the Parties and no Participating Subdivision shall be considered to be the drafter of this Agreement or of any of its provisions for the purpose of any statute, case law, or rule of interpretation or construction that would or might cause any provision to be construed against the drafter of this Agreement. The headings of the provisions of this Agreement are not binding and are for reference only and do not limit, expand, or otherwise affect the contents or meaning of this Agreement.

G. Cooperation. Each Party and each Participating Subdivision agrees to use its best efforts and to cooperate with the other Parties and Participating Subdivisions to cause this Agreement and the Consent Judgment to become effective, to obtain all necessary approvals, consents and authorizations, if any, and to execute all documents and to take such other action as may be appropriate in connection herewith. Consistent with the foregoing, each Party and each Participating Subdivision agrees that it will not directly or indirectly assist or encourage any challenge to this Agreement or the Consent Judgment by any other person, and will support the integrity and enforcement of the terms of this Agreement and the Consent Judgment.

H. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, its exhibits and any other attachments embodies the entire agreement and understanding between and among the Parties and Participating Subdivisions relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes (1) all prior agreements and understandings relating to such subject matter, whether written or oral and (2) all purportedly contemporaneous oral agreements and understandings relating to such subject matter.

I. Execution. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and by different signatories on separate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall together be one and the same Agreement. One or more counterparts of this Agreement may be delivered by facsimile or electronic transmission with the intent that it or they shall constitute an original counterpart hereof. One or more counterparts of this Agreement may be signed by electronic signature.

J. Good Faith and Voluntary Entry. Each Party warrants and represents that it negotiated the terms of this Agreement in good faith. Each of the Parties and signatories to this Agreement warrants and represents that it freely and voluntarily entered into this Agreement without any degree of duress or compulsion. The Parties state that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever (other than the written terms of this Agreement) was made to them to induce them to enter into this Agreement.

K. No Prevailing Party. The Parties each agree that they are not the prevailing party in this action, for purposes of any claim for fees, costs, or expenses as prevailing parties arising under common law or under the terms of any statute, because the Parties have reached a good faith settlement. The Parties each further waive any right to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreement on any ground, including, without limitation, that any term is unconstitutional or is preempted by, or in conflict with, any current or future law.

L. Non-Admissibility. The settlement negotiations resulting in this Agreement have been undertaken by the Parties and by certain representatives of the Participating Subdivisions in good faith and for settlement purposes only, and no evidence of negotiations or discussions underlying this Agreement shall be offered or received in evidence in any action or proceeding for any purpose. This Agreement shall not be offered or received in evidence in any action or proceeding for any purpose other than in an action or proceeding arising under or relating to this Agreement.

M. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement—excepting Section IV (Release), Section V (Monetary Relief and Payments), Section VII (Participation by Local Governments), Section IX (Attorney Fee and Cost Payments), Section XI.B (Nature of Payment), and Section XI.C (Tax Reporting and Cooperation)—were for any reason held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Agreement.

N. Notices. All notices or other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing (including but not limited to electronic communications) and shall be given to the recipients indicated below:

For Janssen:

Charles C. Lifland
Daniel R. Suvor
400 South Hope Street, 18th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90071
Phone: (213) 430-6000
clifland@omm.com
dsuvor@omm.com

For the Attorney General:

James T. Boffetti
Deputy Attorney General

New Hampshire Department of Justice
33 Capitol Street, Concord, NH 03301
Phone: (603) 271-0302
James.T.Boffetti@doj.nh.gov

Any Party may change or add the contact information of the persons designated to receive notice on its behalf by notice given (effective upon the giving of such notice) as provided in this subsection.

O. No Waiver. The waiver of any rights conferred hereunder shall be effective only if made by written instrument executed by the waiving Party or Parties. The waiver by any Party of any breach of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be or construed as a waiver of any other breach, whether prior, subsequent, or contemporaneous, nor shall such waiver be deemed to be or construed as a waiver by any other Party.

P. Preservation of Privilege. Nothing contained in this Agreement or any Consent Judgment, and no act required to be performed pursuant to this Agreement or any Consent Judgment, is intended to constitute, cause, or effect any waiver (in whole or in part) of any attorney-client privilege, work product protection, or common interest/joint defense privilege, and each Party agrees that it shall not make or cause to be made in any forum any assertion to the contrary.

Q. Successors. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, Janssen and its respective successors and assigns. Janssen shall not sell the majority of its voting stock or substantially all its assets without obtaining the acquiror's agreement that it will constitute a successor with respect to Janssen's obligations under this Agreement.

R. Modification, Amendment, Alteration. This Agreement may be modified, amended, or altered by a written agreement of the Parties or, in the case of the Consent Judgment, by court proceedings resulting in a modified judgment of the Court. For purposes of modifying this Agreement or the Consent Judgment, Janssen may contact the New Hampshire Attorney General to coordinate this process.

S. Termination.

1. Unless otherwise agreed to by Janssen and the State, this Agreement and all of its terms (except subsection XI.L and any other non-admissibility provisions, which shall continue in full force and effect) shall be canceled and terminated with respect to the State, and the Agreement and all orders issued by the Court pursuant to the Agreement shall become null and void and of no effect if one or more of the following conditions applies:
 - a. A Consent Judgment approving this Agreement without modification of any of the Agreement's terms has not been entered as to the State by a court of competent jurisdiction on or before one hundred eighty (180) days after Janssen's payment under Section V; or

b.

This Agreement or the Consent Judgment has been disapproved by a court of competent jurisdiction to which it was presented for approval and/or entry (or, in the event of an appeal from or review of a decision of such a court to approve this Agreement and the Consent Judgment, by the court hearing such appeal or conducting such review), and the time to appeal from such disapproval has expired, or, in the event of an appeal from such disapproval, the appeal has been dismissed or the disapproval has been affirmed by the court of last resort to which such appeal has been taken and such dismissal or disapproval has become no longer subject to further appeal (including, without limitation, review by the United States Supreme Court).

2. If this Agreement is terminated with respect to the State and its Participating Subdivisions for whatever reason pursuant to subsection XI.S.1, then:

- a. An applicable statute of limitation or any similar time requirement (excluding any statute of repose) shall be tolled from the date the State signed this Agreement until the later of the time permitted by applicable law or for one year from the date of such termination, with the effect that Janssen and the State in question shall be in the same position with respect to the statute of limitation as they were at the time the State filed its action; and
- b. Janssen and the State and its Participating Subdivisions shall jointly move the relevant court of competent jurisdiction for an order reinstating the actions and claims dismissed pursuant to the terms of this Agreement governing dismissal, with the effect that Janssen and the State and its Participating Subdivisions shall be in the same position with respect to those actions and claims as they were at the time the action or claim was stayed or dismissed.

T. *Governing Law.* Except as otherwise provided in the Agreement, this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of New Hampshire, without regard to the conflict of law rules of New Hampshire.

Dated: August 31, 2022

JOHNSON & JOHNSON, JANSSEN
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., ORTHO-MCNEIL-
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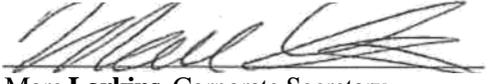
By: 
Marc Larkins, Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT B
Settlement Participation Form

Governmental Entity:	State:
Authorized Official:	
Address 1:	
Address 2:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	

The governmental entity identified above ("Governmental Entity"), in order to obtain and in consideration for the benefits provided to the Governmental Entity pursuant to the Settlement Agreement dated August 31, 2022 ("Janssen Settlement"), and acting through the undersigned authorized official, hereby elects to participate in the Janssen Settlement, release all Released Claims against all Released Entities, and agrees as follows.

1. The Governmental Entity is aware of and has reviewed the Janssen Settlement, understands that all terms in this Election and Release have the meanings defined therein, and agrees that by this Election, the Governmental Entity elects to participate in the Janssen Settlement and become a Participating Subdivision as provided therein.
2. The Governmental Entity shall, within 30 days of the filing of the Consent Judgment, secure the dismissal with prejudice of any Released Claims that it has filed.
3. The Governmental Entity agrees to the terms of the Janssen Settlement pertaining to Subdivisions as defined therein.
4. By agreeing to the terms of the Janssen Settlement and becoming a Releasor, the Governmental Entity is entitled to the benefits provided therein, including, if applicable, monetary payments beginning after the Effective Date.
5. The Governmental Entity agrees to use any monies it receives through the Janssen Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein.

6. The Governmental Entity submits to the jurisdiction of the court where the Consent Judgment is filed for purposes limited to that court's role as provided in, and for resolving disputes to the extent provided in, the Janssen Settlement.

7. The Governmental Entity, as a Participating Subdivision, hereby becomes a Releasor for all purposes in the Janssen Settlement, including but not limited to all provisions of Section IV (Release), and along with all departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind and attorneys, and any person in their official capacity elected or appointed to serve any of the foregoing and any agency, person, or other entity claiming by or through any of the foregoing, and any other entity identified in the definition

of Releasor, provides for a release to the fullest extent of its authority. As a Releasor, the Governmental Entity hereby absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably covenants not to bring, file, or claim, or to cause, assist or permit to be brought, filed, or claimed, or to otherwise seek to establish liability for any Released Claims against any Released Entity in any forum whatsoever. The releases provided for in the Janssen Settlement are intended by the Parties to be broad and shall be interpreted so as to give the Released Entities the broadest possible bar against any liability relating in any way to Released Claims and extend to the full extent of the power of the Governmental Entity to release claims. The Janssen Settlement shall be a complete bar to any Released Claim.

8. In connection with the releases provided for in the Janssen Settlement, each Governmental Entity expressly waives, releases, and forever discharges any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States or other jurisdiction, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

General Release; extent. A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

A Releasor may hereafter discover facts other than or different from those which it knows, believes, or assumes to be true with respect to the Released Claims, but each Governmental Entity hereby expressly waives and fully, finally, and forever settles, releases and discharges, upon the Effective Date, any and all Released Claims that may exist as of such date but which Releasors do not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or through no fault

whatsoever, and which, if known, would materially affect the Governmental Entities' decision to participate in the Janssen Settlement.

9. This Settlement Participation Form shall be deemed effective as of the Effective Date of the Janssen Settlement.

10. Nothing herein is intended to modify in any way the terms of the Janssen Settlement, to which Governmental Entity hereby agrees. To the extent this Election and Release is interpreted differently from the Janssen Settlement in any respect, the Janssen Settlement controls.

I have all necessary power and authorization to execute this Election and Release on behalf of the Governmental Entity.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: